AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 1, without prejudice, to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for the preparation of compounds of the formula (I) or salts thereof

$$R^1$$
 N
 N
 R^2
 R^3
 R^3

in which

 R^1 is (C_1-C_8) alkyl or (C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl, where each of the two above radicals independently of one another is unsubstituted or unsubstituted, and

R₂, R₃ in each case independently of one another are hydrogen, amino, hydroxyl, formyl or unsubstituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)alkylamino, di[(C₁-C₈)alkyl]amino, (C₁-C₈)alkyloxy, aryl, aryloxy, (C₃-C₈)cycloalkyl, [(C₁-C₈)alkyl]carbonyl, [(C₁-C₈)alkoxy]-carbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, (C₁-C₈)alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl or an unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclyl radical,

heterocyclyloxy radical, heterocyclyamino radical, each of which has 3 to 6 ring atoms and 1 to 3 hetero ring atoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, or

R², R³ together with the nitrogen from the group NR²R³ are a heterocyclic radical having 3 to 6 ring atoms and 1 to 4 hetero ring atoms, where, in addition to the nitrogen atom, the other hetero ring atoms which may exist are selected from the group consisting of N, O and S and the heterocycle is unsubstituted or substituted, which comprises converting 2-amino-4-thio-1,3,5-triazines of the formula (II)

$$X \longrightarrow S$$
 N
 N
 N
 N
 R^2
 R^3
(II)

in which X represents hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)alkynyl or phenyl, where each of the last mentioned 4 radicals is unsubstituted or substituted, or represents a 2-amino-4-thio-1,3,5-triazine radical which is bonded via sulfur and equally substituted compared to the other triazine ring in the compound of formula I,

by chlorination in the presence of an essentially anhydrous protic solvent.

Please add new claims 11-14 as follows:

R.1. $|2l_{-1}|^{2}$ New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said essentially anhydrous protic solvent is a carboxylic acid.

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12. (New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said essentially anhydrous protic solvent is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, n-propionic acid, n-butanoic acid and isobutanoic acid.

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(New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said essentially anhydrous protic solvent is glacial acetic acid.

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(New) The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein X is (C_1-C_4) alkyl. --